

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 26 through page 10, line 5 with the following paragraph:

Non-magnetic layer 90 has a dramatic effect on reducing demagnetization fields within shield 84, thereby allowing shield 84 to operate in a single magnetic domain state. Furthermore, this multi-layer lamination of shield 84 allows for the magnetizations of biased layer 86 and unbiased layer 92 to each be saturated along respective easy axes while leaving virtually unaffected the coherent rotation of magnetizations of hard axes of respective biased layer 86 and unbiased layer 92. This feature allows the shield to operate by absorbing stray magnetic flux from adjacent bits or tracks on the magnetic disc by a process of coherent rotation.